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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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EMBASSY PASS SUBJECT MISSION DIRECTOR RICE

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SUBJ: TENNESSEE STATE TRADE MISSION

REF: TUNIS 6527

1. EMBASSY REGRETS IT NOT RPT NOT POSSIBLE ARRANGE RECEPTION FOR SUBJECT GROUP AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE. WE WILL ATTEMPT SCHEDULE APPROPRIATE BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS WITH POSSIBILITY OF LUNCHION GATHERING ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 BUT AS NOTED IN EARLIER CABLE, EMBASSY HAS COMMITMENTS TO IOWA IOGA MISSION AND NORTH CAROLINA IOGA ADVANCE TEAM SAME DAY.

2. EMBASSY MUST KNOW IF ANY PREVIOUS CONTACTS OR COMMITMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN KUWAIT IN ORDER WE DO NOT DUPLICATE BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS. REQUEST WE BE INFORMED ASAP IF TENNESSEE GROUP NOW WISHES US TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND IF ANY MEETINGS ARE ALREADY SCHUDLED.

3. COMMENT: DISCUSSION OF BUSINESS APPOINTEMENTS AND POSSIBLE RECEPTION WAS HELD WITH BOTH TENNESSEE ADVANCE GROUPS AND WITH JAY SMITH, WHO NOW TRAVELING WITH RICE. EACH TIME WE ASKED FOR SUFFICIENT ADVANCE TIME TO PLAN. IN LAST DISCUSSION WITH COMMISSIONER BENSON HE SAID ONLY POSSIBLE SERVICE REQUESTED FROM EMBASSY WAS RECEPTION BUT THAT LOCAL COMPANY WAS MAKING ALL PLANS. EMBASSY THEN DISCUSSED RECEPTION WITH COMPANY

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AND OFFERED TO COOPERATE. WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING TIL NOW.

KUWAIT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN CURRENTLY
WADING THROUGH HEAVY SCHEDULE OF RECEPTIONS, DINNERS,
ETC. EVEN IF EMBASSY OFFICIERS HAD FREE SCHEDULE WHICH IS NOT
THE CASE, DOUBTFUL WE WOULD GET MUCH RESPONSE FROM LOCAL
COMMUNITY AT THIS LATE DATE, PARTICULARLY SINCE NOVEMBER 6-7
DATES PROPOSED REFTTEL FALL IN WEEKEND AND SINCE MANY POTENTIAL
GUESTS ATTENDED IOWA IOGA PARTY AT HOME ECON/COMM CHIEF NOV 2.
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